

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-29 were previously pending in the application. Above, claims 1, 11, 13, 22 and 25 are canceled. Claim 27 is now the only independent claim. Accordingly, claims 2-5, 7-9, 12, 14, 18-21, 23, and 26 have been suitably amended to depend from claim 27. Other amendments have been made to claims 2, 3, 7, 9, 23, 26 and 29, also, to conform them to the change in dependency and to address objections noted by the Examiner. Claim 27 is amended to correct its grammar by pluralizing "element." No new claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

As claim 27 had been indicated to be allowable, all claims are now allowable and the prior art rejections are moot.

Applicant will respond to the Office Action using the same order and substantially the same headings as were contained therein.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing an element of claim 25. Claim 25 has been canceled, mooting the objection.

Claim Objections

Objections were made to claims 1, 7, 11, 13, 23, 24 and 29. Claims 7, 23 and 29 have been amended to address the objections, taking into account the Examiner's suggestions but not necessarily adopting them. The objections to claims 1 and 13 are moot. The amendment to claim 23 moots the objection to claim 24.

Accordingly, all objections to the claims have now been resolved.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claim 25 was rejected under Section 112, but such claim is cancelled, mooting the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §§102 and 103

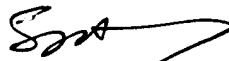
As stated above, these rejections are moot as allowed claim 27 is now the only independent claim.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,



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